



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Our Case No. 13051US03)

The Application Of:

Knowles et al.

Serial No.: 09/998,220

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Examiner: K. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 2674

For: ACOUSTIC WAVE TOUCH
ACTUATED SWITCH WITH
FEEDBACK

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 14, 2005. Claims 21-28 are at issue.

The rejection of claims 21-26 and 28 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Weigers et al. 5,856,820 and Selig et al. 6,492,978 is respectfully traversed.

Claims 21-23 require “an acoustic wave absorbing material disposed between the deformable dome and the touch sensitive surface” of an acoustic wave switch “such that in response to a force acting on the dome, the dome deforms and contacts the absorbing material and the absorbing material contacts the touch sensitive surface of the acoustic wave switch with sufficient pressure to actuate the acoustic wave switch.” This element is not taught by Weigers or Selig, alone or in combination and therefore claims 21-23 are believed to be allowable over the cited art. Specifically, Weigers merely discloses an acoustic touch panel substrate 20 that